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*May the Joy of the Lord Make Your
Christmas Season Happy and
Your New Year Bright*

THE NEW YEAR

"His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22, 23.

New mercies, new blessings, new light on the way;

New courage, new hope, new strength for each day;

New notes of thanksgiving, new cords of delight,

New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;

New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His face;

New streams from the fountain of infinite grace;

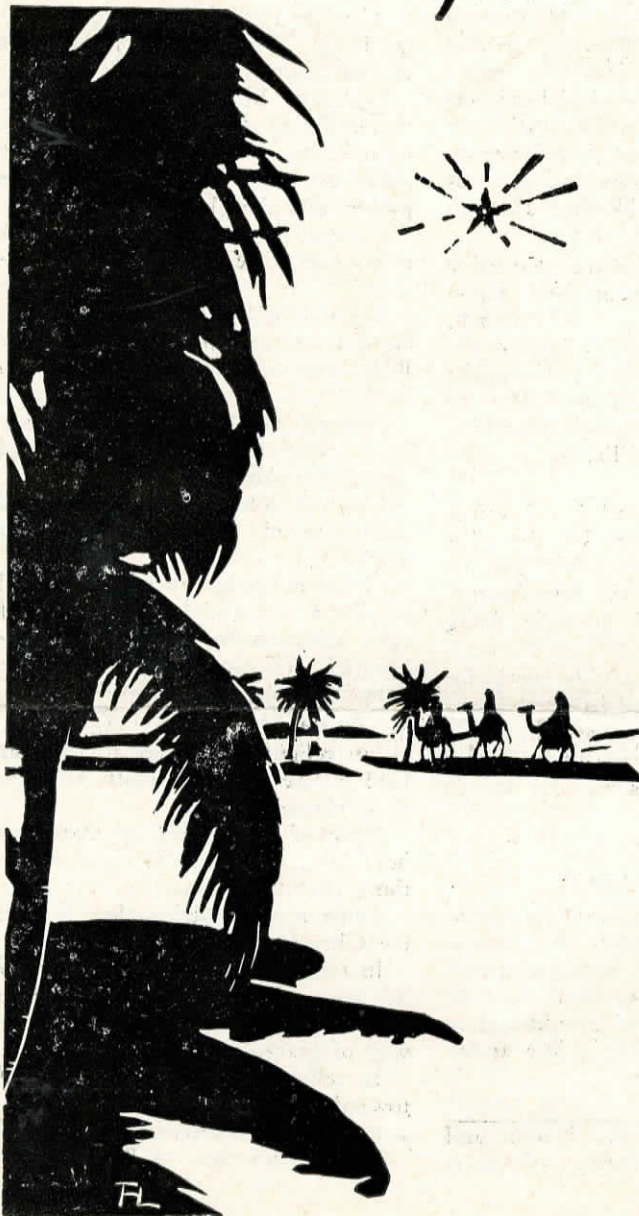
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;

New gleams of the glory that waits thee above;

New light of His countenance full and unpriced—

All this be thy joy of the New Year with Christ.

—Our Hope.



— God Above All —

THE NEWSETTE

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PATIENT AGGRESSIVE FAITH

Many of us are anxious to put an aggressive faith into operation, so our patience is being tested by the slow progress of our building program. We have looked for large gifts and few have been received. Those, able and willing to make larger gifts, are anxious to see results. The architect has been delayed in submitting plans, and we anticipate delays all along the line in securing a contractor, in securing materials and workmen. Only God can bring about a united and sustained working faith. We must be faithful in prayer that all obstacles and delays will be overcome.

The architects write that they have "put all the time we had into the Knoxville General Hospital plans, and have not done anything except in 'imagination' on the Administration Building. However, we are studying cuts of various modern buildings of like character in our architectural magazines, with the purpose of getting ideas to incorporate into the new scheme." We know that Mr. Manley will have something for us just as soon as he can get it ready.

A contributor, in sending several hundred dollars for the Building Fund, wrote as follows: "At long last, here it is! I am indeed sorry it has seemed so hopeless—and I wish it could be a larger amount. However, we will continue praying—and just as he has answered this first petition, we'll trust to Him the next ones."

In going over Building Fund receipts and expenditures, we have been surprised, both at the money received and the money expended since June the 1st. Then we were surprised when we recalled how much had been accomplished in the way of visible, useful improvements. At least we are getting ready to go forward in a bigger step of faith. The testings have a purpose. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be

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'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the week before Christmas
And all through the school

Everyone was stirring—yes, and I mean everyone, for Christmas banquet was Monday night and there was much to be done. But, as always, in spite of this year's misfortune of the kitchen lights going out in the midst of the main course, everyone came out feeling that a very merry Christmas was coming once again to Bryan. Rev. William C. Bennett added much to the program with his challenging message.

Professor J. W. Hartman, better known as "Uncle Jimmy," followed up with a lovely program from the pupils of his music classes that started everyone humming Christmas carols, and you know Christmas is really and truly coming when people start singing "Silent Night."

The Sophomores worked hard getting their vesper service ready for Sunday afternoon, but they felt more than repaid when the Lord gave us all such wonderful blessings through their messages.

Exams or no exams—Saturday night is time for fun at the Octagon even if we can't fill up our date cards, and so we Octagonettes invited the ladies of the faculty and staff and the young ladies of Hermitess' Hall to join us in defying the little something that kept telling us "Exams are coming next week!"

"Clever" is the word that describes everything, from the skit depicting the life of Bryan's grandchildren 15 years from now, to the refreshments which were served in socks hung from a clothes line.

As we settled down to work for exams, we all worked harder because of the rest and fun we'd had. Of course, I guess the hope of home and Santa Claus had something to do with it, too!—E. K.

AN APOLOGY

The November NEWSETTE carried an article entitled "Evangelical Schools Crowded," without giving proper credit for its origin. The article first appeared as an editorial in the magazine "Sunday." We apologize for the omission.

found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ"

BRYAN UNIVERSITY RAISED UP FOR A DISTINCTIVE PURPOSE

"We are persuaded that God has raised up Bryan University for a distinctive purpose—that of giving to fine young people an opportunity for an education; and that in a place where they might have God-fearing teachers, stalwart Christian youth for their companions, and an atmosphere of unquestioning faith in God's Word about them."—Lloyd E. Fish.

"We thank thee Lord, for this our food,
But most of all for Jesus' blood.
Let manna to our souls be giv'n,
The bread of life sent down from heav'n."

ALLIED GENERALS TESTIFY

The late Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig: "The Gospel of Christ is the only hope of the world."

General MacArthur: "I give thanks for God's guidance which has brought to us this success in our great crusade—His the honor, the power, and the glory forever."

General Sir Arthur Smith: "Christ meets every need of soldier and civilian."

General Wavell: "What the men want is a quiet place to read their Bibles and turn to their thoughts to God."

General Montgomery: "I read my Bible every day, and I recommend you do the same."

General Dobbie: "Christ has saved and satisfied me for forty-seven years."

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." (Romans 1:16.)

A DEVOTIONAL THOT

"In religion man tries to discover God; in the Christian Faith, God reveals Himself to man.

Religion is something that you hold; the Christian Faith is something that holds you.

Religion is a philosophy of life; the Christian Faith is life itself.

In religion man reaches up to God by way of law; in the Christian Faith God comes down to man by way of grace.

In religion, man's life is directed toward God; in the Christian Faith, a man's life is derived from God."—I am a Christian.—J. R. Wilson.

Bryan University

THE FRESHMEN SPEAK

Catherine Marshall, Lorain, Ohio.

"No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Bryan University is undoubtedly a "good thing."

When I considered going into training for the Lord's service, Bryan was recommended to me. After much prayer, meditation, and waiting upon the Lord, He showed me in very definite ways that He wanted me enrolled as a student at Bryan. It was in a marvelous way that God stretched forth His hand and lifted me over every obstacle in my pathway.

The Christian fellowship at Bryan is sweet. I can hardly imagine a place, other than heaven itself, where the spiritual level is so high. It is a challenge to me to strive to live as a blessing to others as I learn to serve Him better in this school.

Audrey Roos, Alton, Ill.

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

When I first came to Bryan, I was impressed by the beauty of the scenery. Before a day had passed, I was more impressed by the deep spiritual atmosphere found here. Now, after three weeks at Bryan, we freshmen find ourselves a part of that Christian fellowship that comprises such a large part of Bryan life. Hardly a moment passes but we realize His presence, whether it be in class or at work. We, as freshmen, have much to look forward to in the weeks, months, and perhaps even years, that lie ahead of us here at Bryan.

Anna Lee Drake, Chattanooga, Tenn.

After the Lord called me into His service, I faced the problem as to where I would receive my Christian training. I made my plans to attend another school, but God upset those plans and led me to Bryan.

In the few short weeks I have spent here, I have received many blessings and I am sure I could not have found in any other school the wonderful Christian fellowship and training that I am receiving at Bryan.

It is wonderful to study for God's work in a school such as this and I am sure that in the years to come, this school will be a memory always cherished in my life.

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THANKSGIVING AT BRYAN

The warm, happy spirit of Thanksgiving filled the day at Bryan. An inspiring chapel service was held in the morning with songs and heart-reaching testimonies. After the service, several of the students hiked to Laurel Falls. It was a hike unique and beautiful as it betrayed the appearance of late fall, with its bright blue weather, soft brown colors, and rising waters that made new little water-falls over the rocks.

An excellent dinner was served on cleverly decorated tables; and with us were three former classmates, Constance Morgan, Albert Wyllie and Ensign Royal Grote. Truly God blessed us with an abundant, happy day.—H. B.

SIMPLE FAITH

Oliver Cromwell's secretary was dispatched to the continent on some important business. He stayed one night at a seaport town, and tossed on his bed, unable to sleep. According to an old custom, a servant slept in his room, and on this occasion, soundly enough. The secretary at length awakened the man, who asked how it was his master could not rest. "I am so afraid something will go wrong with the embassy," was the reply. "Master," said the valet, "may I ask a question or two?" "To be sure." "Did God rule the world before we were born?" "Most assuredly He did." "And will He rule again after we are dead?" "Certainly He will." "Then, master, why not let Him rule the present, too?" The secretary's faith was stirred, peace was the result, and in a few minutes both he and the servant were in sound sleep.

—The Evangelical Messenger.

A SCIENTIST SPEAKS

"It is not without significance that the capable scientists of today tend to be devoutly religious; whereas many of those who claimed to be scientists only a generation or two ago took pride in proclaiming themselves as agnostics or atheists, for they could not correlate religion and science. We of today are so much better informed than our fellows of generations ago that we have enough perspective to recognize our insignificance in the divine order."—Dr. Willard H. Dow of the Dow Chemical Company, recipient of the Chandler Medal for distinguished service in the field of science.

THE BEST IS NEXT

Some one asked Thorwaldsen, the noted Danish sculptor, "Which is your greatest statue?"

He promptly replied, "The next one."

Whenever a man looks back to some achievement of the past as his greatest, he is admittedly on the decline. He has passed his zenith and is making toward the setting sun of his career.

The preacher who has had his best year in the ministry is on the decline. He who lacks the determination to make this year the best he has ever had is in the afternoon of life's achievements. The Christian who has ever had a better experience than he has now is a backslider. "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

While physically life may have its morning, noon and afternoon, yet the Christian star is ever in the ascendancy. His zenith lies beyond the horizon of this life. The minister of the Gospel may decline in volume of voice, in ability to cover as large an appointment list, or to make as many pastoral calls, but the richness of his ministry should ever increase until his life fades out like the soaring eagle in the deep blue of heaven.—The Gospel Minister.

CHAPEL AND ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Chapel and assembly programs have been a particular source of interest to faculty and students alike this year, making the chapel bell an ever welcome one. During these times, we have been supplied with spiritual, educational and entertaining programs. Special speakers have come from near and far to enrich the spiritual growth of all who attend chapel and give glory to the Lord by song, speech and drawing. Our faculty members have also used some of their talents and knowledge toward providing more and better chapel periods. Thus far, some of the most original presentations have been given by individual seniors. Each class, as well as the various Christian Organizations and others, have been allotted time for assembly programs. We are looking forward to next year and a repetition plus improvement upon the past presentations.—G. H.

November Gift Receipts

826\$ 4.57	886 5.00	947 1.00	1008 10.00
827 1.00	887 25.00	948 20.00	1009 1.00
828 1.10	888 2.00	949 10.00	1010 2.00
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875 5.00	935 2.00	996 3.00	1057 10.00
876 5.00	936 2.00	997 5.00	1058 10.00
877 2.00	937 1.00	998 5.00	1059 5.00
878 5.00	938 1.00	999 5.00	1060 5.00
879 7.50	939 5.00	1000 100.00	1061 25.00
880 3.00	940 2.00	1001 10.00	1062 6.67
881 15.00	941 1.00	1002 1.00	1063 50.00
882 10.00	942 1.00	1003 1.00	1064 2.00
883 1.00	943 1.00	1004 3.00	1065 12.00
884 2.00	944 2.00	1005 10.00		
885 5.00	945 1.00	1006 5.00		
		946 1.00	1007 25.00		
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SEVEN SHORT RULES

FOR THE CHRISTIAN

I. Never neglect daily private prayer, and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers. (Heb. 11:6.)

II. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. (John 5:39.)

III. Never ask God for anything you do not want. Tell Him the truth about yourself, however bad it makes you feel; and then ask Him, for Christ's sake, to forgive you what you are and to make you what you ought to be. (John 4:24.)

IV. Never doubt God. Tell Him all of your fears and trust Him to carry all of your burdens; remembering that He ever works for your greatest good. (I Pet. 5:7, Rom. 8:28.)

V. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself what have I done today for Him? (Matt. 5:13-16.)

VI. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so, therefore you may. (II Cor. 10:12.) You are to ask yourself, How would Christ act in my place? and strive to follow Him. (John 10:27.)

VII. Never turn away from doing God's will. Delight yourself in the doing of His will, remembering that by doing His will you will learn to love His will and to more fully know His will. (John 7:17.)—Selected.

Sam's Summary

Dear Friends:

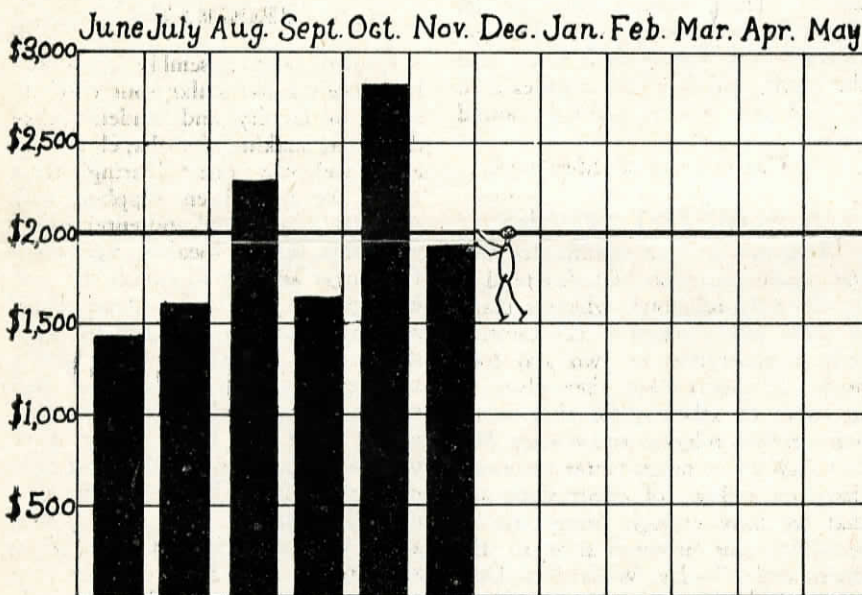
Half the fiscal year is past, and we very nearly reached our goal of \$2,000 monthly average. It is a good time to say a hearty 'thank you' for the generous giving you have done. And then, too, there have been a goodly number of gifts for the building fund, which they don't give me to take care of. I suppose they think I must keep my mind on my main job of meeting the budget for the day by day operation.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

Gratefully,

Sam

Bryan University.



Total Receipts to date.....\$11,726.81